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SUBJECT:

1. FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASES ISSUED BY STR ON NAKAGAWA VISIT

2. RELEASE OF SEPTEMBER 7:

"SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" WAS MADE IN AGRICULTURAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN THIS WEEK, AMBASSADOR ROBERT S.
STRAUSS, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS SAID AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE THREE-DAY TALKS
THIS MORNING --- "BUT WE DID NOT ACHIEVE OUR BASIS
NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES FOR AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS,
AND UNTIL WE DO, THERE'S NO DEAL."

AMB. STRAUSS SAID THAT IT IS WELL KNOWN AND SHOULD BE CLEARLY
UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS JAPAN TO UNDER-
TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO
OPEN HER MARKETS TO IMPORTS OF BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND
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MANUFACTURED GOODS. STRAUSS SAID HE BELIEVES THIS ALSO IS
ACCEPTED BY LEADERS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING
PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER USHIBA, AND
AGRICULTURE MINISTER NAKAGAWA.

"I AM, OF COURSE, HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL REMAIN POSSIBLE TO

REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL SATISFY OUR NEEDS; WE CERTAINLY WILL KEEP TRYING," STRAUSS SAID.

3. RELEASE OF SEPTEMBER 8:

AMBASSADOR ROBERT S. STRAUSS, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENT ON THIS WEEK'S AGRICULTURAL TRADE TALKS WITH JAPANESE MINISTERS NAKAGAWA AND USHIBA:

"THE THREE DAY DISCUSSIONS HELD BETWEEN OURSELVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, MINISTERS NAKAGAWA AND USHIBA, HAVE CONCLUDED. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT, IN OUR JUDGMENT, AND I THINK ALSO IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE JAPANESE NEGOTIATORS, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE AND WE HAVE COME VERY CLOSE TO A CONCLUSION. THE VISIT OF MINISTER NAKAGAWA, TOGETHER WITH MINISTER USHIBA, WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL AT THIS TIME AND GIVES THIS OFFICE ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL SOLVE SUCCESSFULLY THE MAJOR PRODUCT ISSUES CONCERNED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

"MINISTER NAKAGAWA AND I AGREED THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVES WOULD MEET IN GENEVA OR AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT

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LOCATION DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MONTH FOR WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE THE LAST PREPARATORY MEETING NECESSARY BEFORE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES." CHRISTOPHER

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